

Group 224 Staff Meeting, 10 JAN 2006 - Summary Notes

Attendance:

MAJ Wiley	CPT Smith
LTC Weidenfeld	1LT May
MAJ Ulmer	1LT Clemente
MAJ Green	SM Piserchia
Ch. CPT Guyer	SM Bill Whitaker
CPT Wassberg	

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance, Safety Pledge, and an opening prayer led by Chaplain Guyer.

Major Wiley presented CPT Smith with his Yeager Award.

MAJ Wiley:

SAFETY: Recurrent training is very important. SM Bill Whitman will be our Group Safety Officer.

The next Group meeting will be a Commanders Call on 17 January 2006. Class A uniforms required. All staff officers should have all necessary paperwork and references with them to handle any questions that might arise.

MAJ Wiley has a list of "10 questions" to ask squadron members during visits.

Group 224 may hold a SAREX in January. We need more ES qualified Group staff. MAJ Steve Tracy is producing ES qualification charts, showing what qualifications Group 224 members hold.

Comcast Cable in Toms River interviewed the Wing Commander and Major Wiley for a TV spot. A tape was made by LTC Hermack, and copies will be distributed to show to the Group and Squadrons. More members should have volunteered to tape the show.

There are Cadet programs and scholarships not being taken advantage of by our members

NJ Wing has a new O-flight coordinator. Our squadrons have not been requesting cadet O-flights as much as they should. O-flights are now USAF assigned missions. NJ has a new Instructor pilot - "Tom Gillam" (sp?).

Major Green and Ch. CPT Guyer will assist LT Clemente in the Cadet program.

Major Wiley will conduct a 2 hour safety seminar at the upcoming Wing conference. He needs help for setup on Saturday. Volunteers are also needed to help in other positions at the conference (30 March - 01 April). There will be a "New Member Reception" at the Wing Conference (Friday evening). MAJ Wiley needs help with this as well as in contacting the many new members who have joined CAP.

Commanders need to understand that we are here as a resource. Squadron visits by Group staff will begin soon.

Our position-specific "continuity books" should always be ready in case of an I.G. inspection by Wing.

Photography class on 14 JAN 2006 at Trenton. SDIS class on 15 JAN 2006 at Trenton (must take Saturday class as a prerequisite).

Website has been updated. Help LT May keep it that way by submitting any required info to him.

Squadrons must see to it that new members receive CPPT and Level I training as soon as possible after joining. LI is being held at Cherry Hill on 05 FEB 2006.

All 224 Squadrons have now submitted their 2006 goals to Group HQ. Group goals have been submitted to NJ Wing. Goals will be our main topic at the Commanders Call next week.

Donna Sparks (Assistant Editor) is a valuable contact at CAP News. At CAP National HQ, Jennifer Carroll is a valuable contact.

NJ Wing has a new I.G. He plans to inspect Group 224 in the 4th quarter of 2006. Our new Group I.G. is MAJ Green.

USAF has a new Mission Statement, emphasizing Warfare in Cyberspace.

NJ Wing has a new alert roster. We will develop one for Group.

Recent Wing Comm exercise was successful, but 224 squadrons could have had more participation. SM Piserchia will address this.

Wear of U.S. flag on BDUs will be mandatory by this summer.

The DVD "Last Best Chance" is available to order online (www.lastbestchance.org) - all members should view this video.

LTC Weidenfeld: NASAs “New Horizons” probe will be launched on 17 JAN 06. This will be the first spacecraft to visit Pluto and its moon, Charon. (see http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/newhorizons/main/)

CPT Smith: Presented summary of recent UDF training. He and LT Basehart completed the training.

MAJ Ulmer: A new supply of “Welcome aboard” pamphlets, printed on high quality paper by CPT Wassberg, were placed in the Group Office.

1LT May: Distributed “PAO” discs to staff.

**MAJOR WILEY THANKED ALL GROUP STAFF FOR
THEIR DEDICATION AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO GROUP 224.**